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Could a new improvement district help clean up downtown Albuquerque?

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[ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.](#) (KRQE) – Downtown Albuquerque business owners are looking at an idea that could see property owners paying into a special fund to help spruce up the area and add more security. It's still in the planning stages, but organizers say the idea is to give businesses more of a say in making downtown look nicer and addressing problems like vandalism, panhandling, and littering.

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Other southwest cities like Tucson, Arizona, have the districts that raise money from property owners to help pay for downtown-centric beautification, security, and clean-up. “The lamp posts are all clean and look nice downtown. The street sweepers run frequently. You see the hospitality ambassadors out. It’s a very nice vibe and we can bring that to downtown,” said Keleher.

The initiative could affect areas from Lomas Blvd. to Coal Ave. and between Broadway Blvd. and 10th Street. If businesses give it the green light, they’d pay a monthly fee toward a special downtown fund. “So people that are trained in cleaning and basically hospitality ambassadors and interacting with folks that are causing a disturbance and asking them if they can help and then in the right situation asking for a police response,” said Keleher.

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business would pay, but said the BID would charge different rates, based on a property’s square footage. lot of steps ahead, including getting signatures from at least 51% of area property and asking for to start the process of potentially creating the district.

Albuquerque had a downtown improvement district a decade ago, but it was dissolved after some property owners disagreed with how it was being run.

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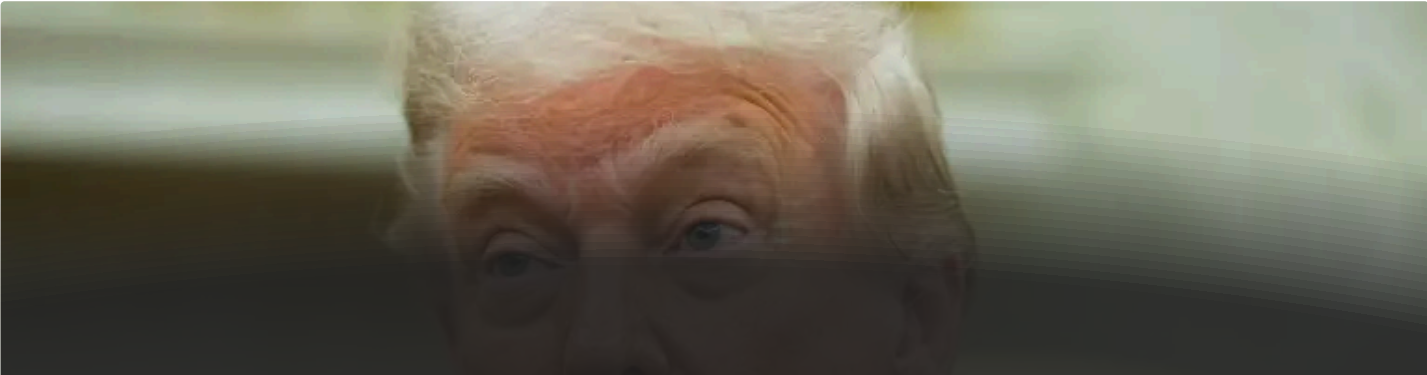


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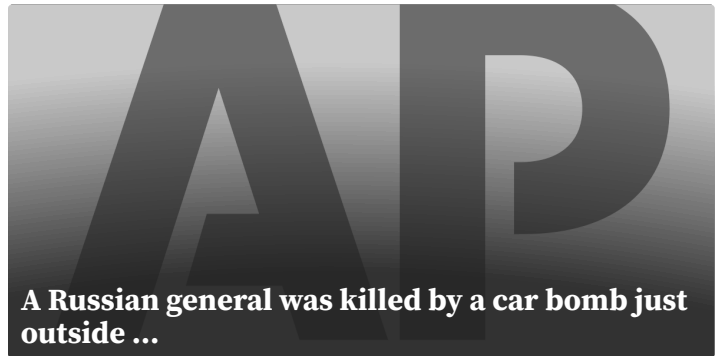
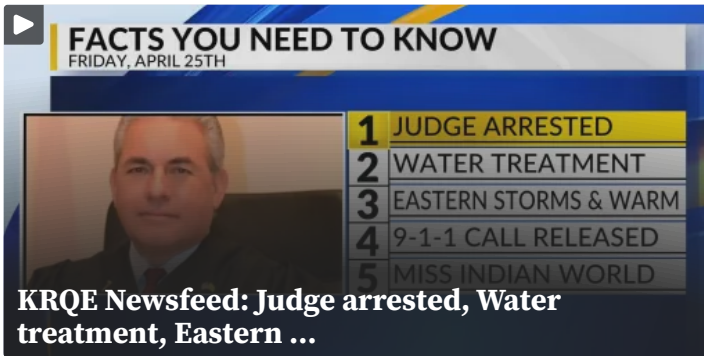
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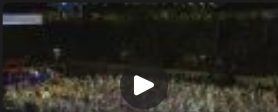
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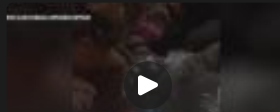
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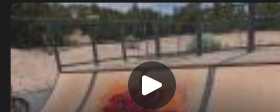
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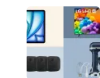


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